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The Saucer That Cheers

At the risk of being laughed out of court and countenance, I'd like to report that I've seen flying saucers.

It happened on a clear and moon->minus night two Summers ago in Newtown, Conn., on the lawn of the home belonging to Paul Osborne, that, if we didn't want a butterfly the playwright. Among my fellow net slipped over our heads, it would oglers were Paul and his wife, di- be smart to keep our lips zipped rector Josh Logan and his missus, about the whole thing. and author John Hersey and his. What's more, none of us was in his cups the night we watched the flying saucery.

The show began about 10 P. M. while we were sitting outdoors, enjoying and shooting the breeze. and the first thing we noticed were several searchlights some miles away poking their yellow fingers into the sky: A few minutes later, three bits of celestial chinaware skittered into view. and from then until midnight they skipped and scampered above our bewildered heads.

As nearly as I could judge, these whatzises were at least 200 feet in ! diameter and were flying at an altitude of from 3,000 to 5,000 feet. was offered April 3 by Henry J. Their edges gave off a ghostly Taylor on a General Motors broad- TION BY THE UNITED STATES

what we had witnessed must have statement about them:

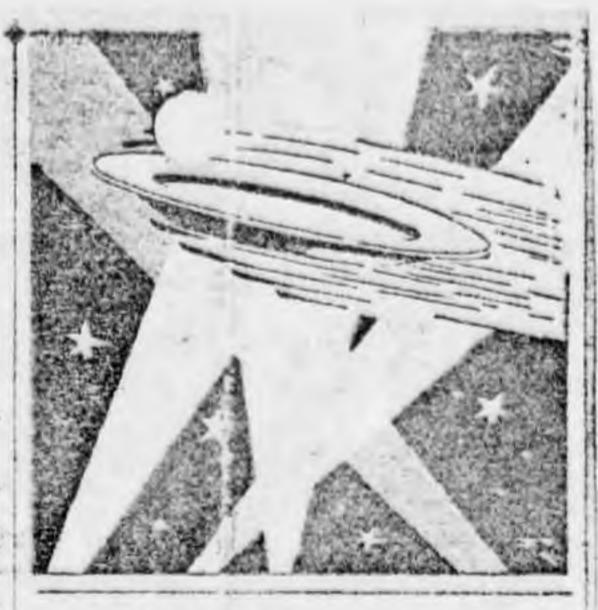
tary exercise. We also decided

How come, then, that with my bare face hanging out in print, I'm spillings the story now? Well until recently the talk about the persnickety pancakes has been more loose than lucid - according to some writers, they were manned by Martians two inches tall; according to others, by Russians two droshkies wide.

Recently, however, documentation has begun to replace delirium, and it's becoming evident that the overgrown manhole covers are not only real, but, despite all denials, one of the top-secret weapons of our own Navy and Air Force.

The most convincing testimony tubing seen through a heavy fog. after trekking all around the coun-When the searchlights finally cut | try and talking to people who had | off and the discs got lost in the seen, touched and even flown these stars, we put what was left of our credulity-cracking craft, made the heads together and decided that following flat and unfrivolous

been some kind of hush-hush mili- ! One type of saucer is the "true"



disc, which ranges anywhere from 20 inches to 200 feet in diameter, is unmanned and generally guided by some form of remote control. The other is a jet-driven platter which carries a crew and is capable of such supersonic speeds that in flight is looks like a hundredfoot flaming cigar.

Furthermore, according to Henry J., a true disc was actually photographed near Wildwood, N. J., another was found in the vicinity of Galveston, Tex., and stenciled on its surface was the following: MILITARY SECRET OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

DAMAGING OR RE-VEALING DESCRIPTION WHEREABOUTS OF THIS MISglow, very much like blue neon cast over the ABC network. Taylor, GOVERNMENT, CALL COLLECT AT ONCE. (Then a long distance telephone rumber, and the address of a U. S. Air Base, and finally the 'vords on the "saucer" in big, black letters: NON-EXPLOSIVE.)

"I know what these so-called

saucers are used for," Taylor concluded. "When the military authorities are ready to release the information it will be a joy to tell you the whole story, for it is good news -- wonderful news."

Well, I don't know what the saucers are for, but on the basis of this and other reports-plus the evidence of my own bug-eyes -I'm convicted they exist and, praise the Lord and pass the ammunition, are ours. Moscow papers, please copy.

As you may remember, I wrote: a column last week about the hureaucratic blabbermouths in our tion's capital who, at the drop of la quiri, biurt out top military pecrets to anyone who will listen. Well, I'm plenty happy to learn that -- at least as regards one; weapon-there are some folks in Washington who not only know their beans but can keep from spilling them.

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